# How to become a Dragon

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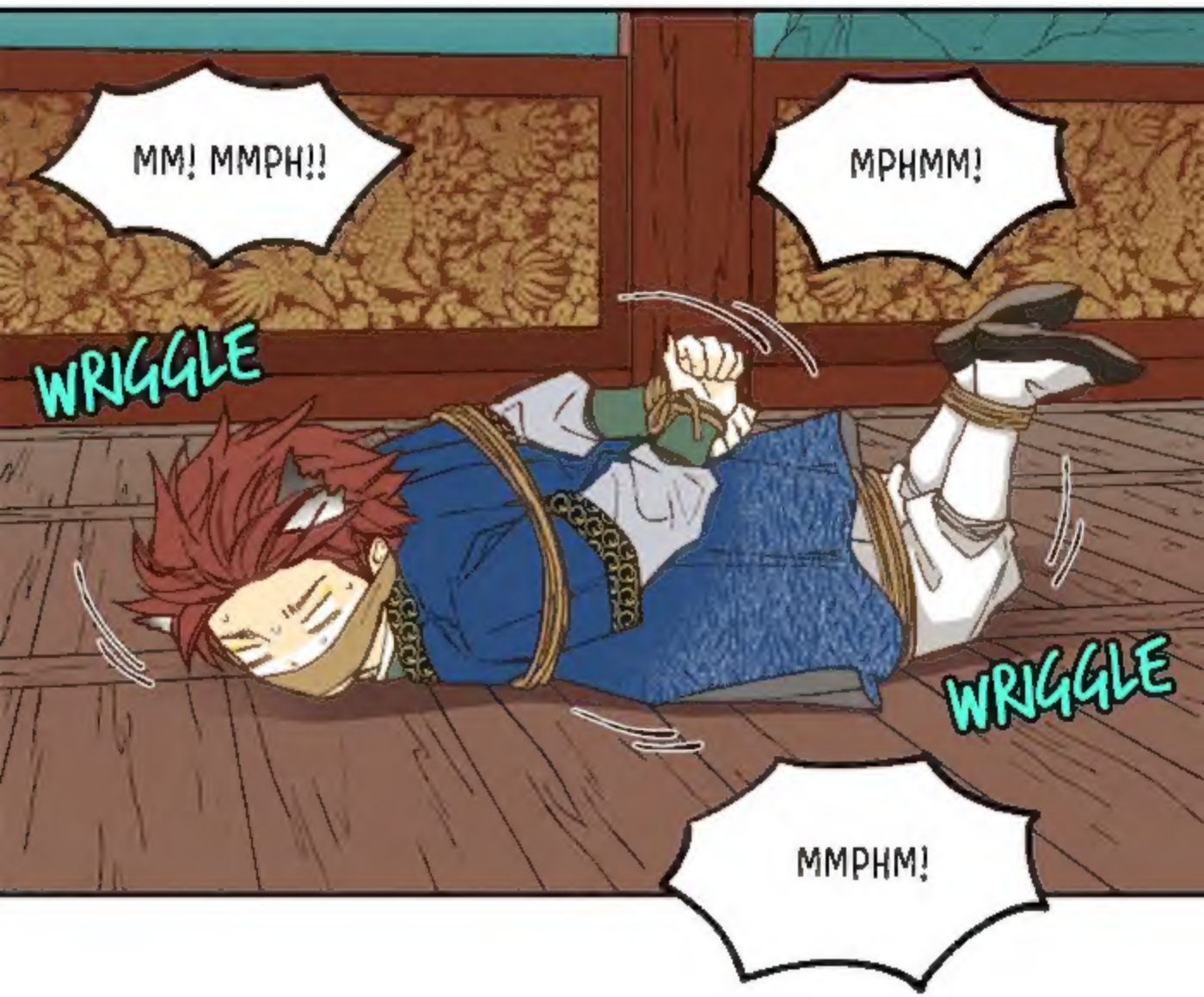

MM! MMPH!!
MPHMM!
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
MMPHM!

HE SURE IS LOUD.
I HATE NOISY PEOPLE.
...
MPH!
MM!

MAYBE I'LL CUT OUT HIS VOICE BOX.
...
CLENCH

...!

...

IT'S JUST
A FIGURE OF
SPEECH!
DON'T

MISUNDERSTAND ME...
HEY, I JUST MET YOU TODAY, SO I'M NOT GONNA JUDGE YOU OR ANYTHING...
...

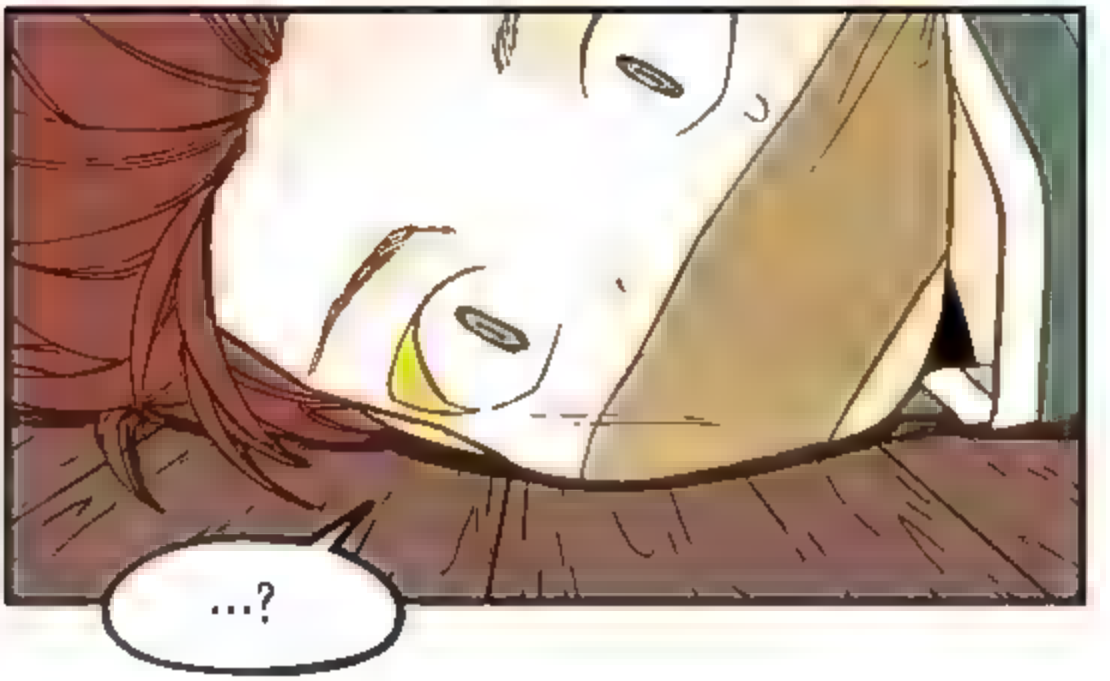
GET RID OF HIM. JUST THE SIGHT OF THAT IMOOGI SICKENS ME.
YES, MA'AM.
WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?

CHOP HIM UP AND FEED HIM TO THE FISH--
...!

GLANCE
...

IT WAS JUST A JOKE!
UH, SURE... BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA DO IT, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW, CHOP HIM UP...?

UM...
CAN YOU JUST
LET HIM LIVE?
HE'S REALLY
NOT THAT BAD
OF A GUY.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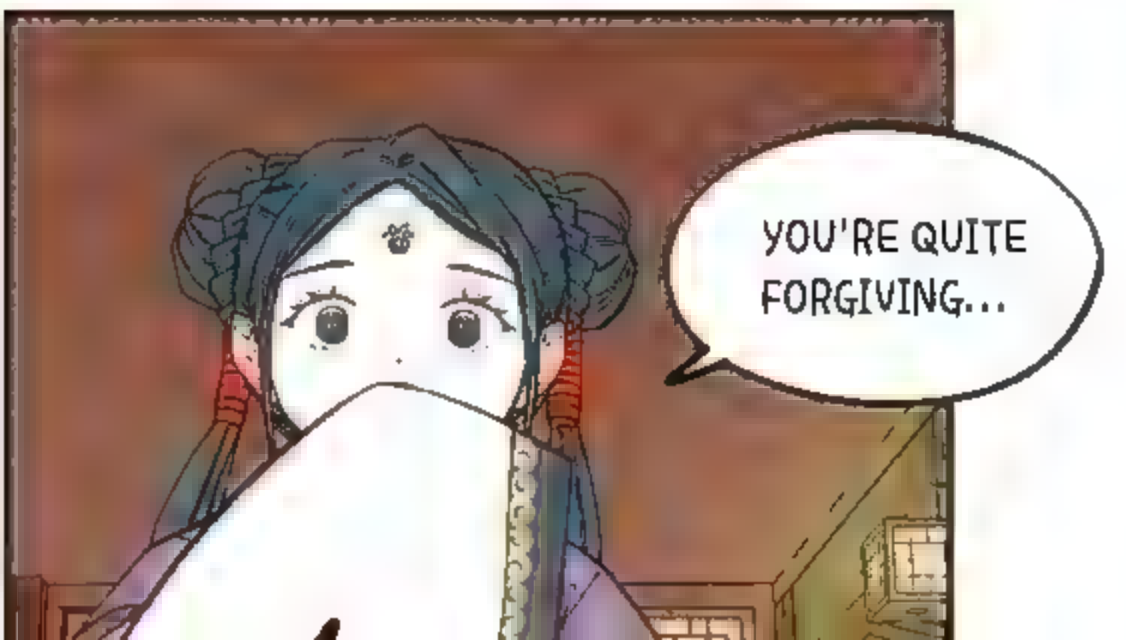
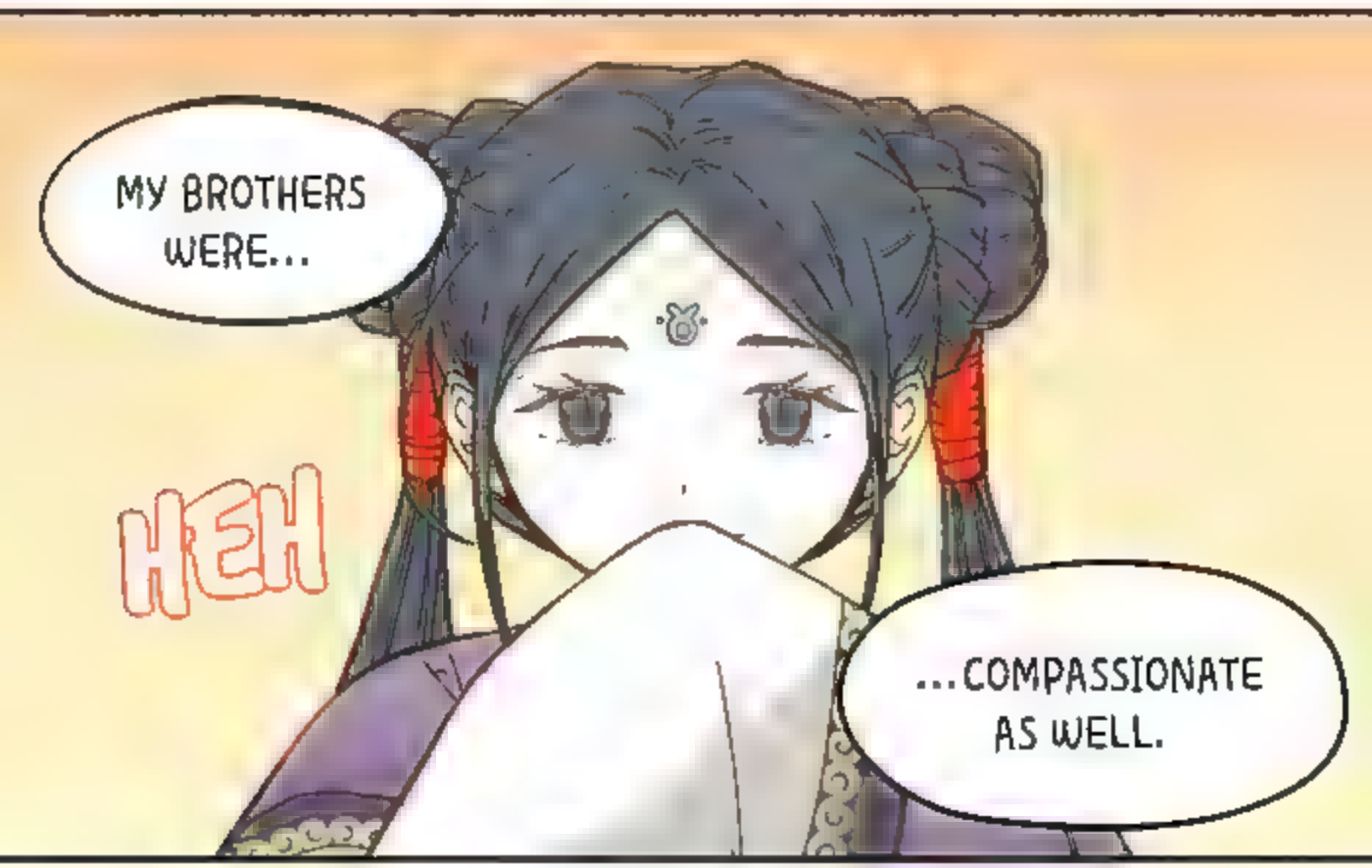

YOU'RE QUITE FORGIVING...

...EVEN THOUGH HE TREATED YOU BADLY.


MY BROTHERS WERE...
HEH
...COMPASSIONATE AS WELL.

...!
BRING ME MY THINGS.
RIGHT AWAY.

CLICK

WHAT IS THIS STUFF?
THEY'RE MY PRIZED

POSSESSIONS.

DO YOU...
...FEEL ANYTHING?

DR

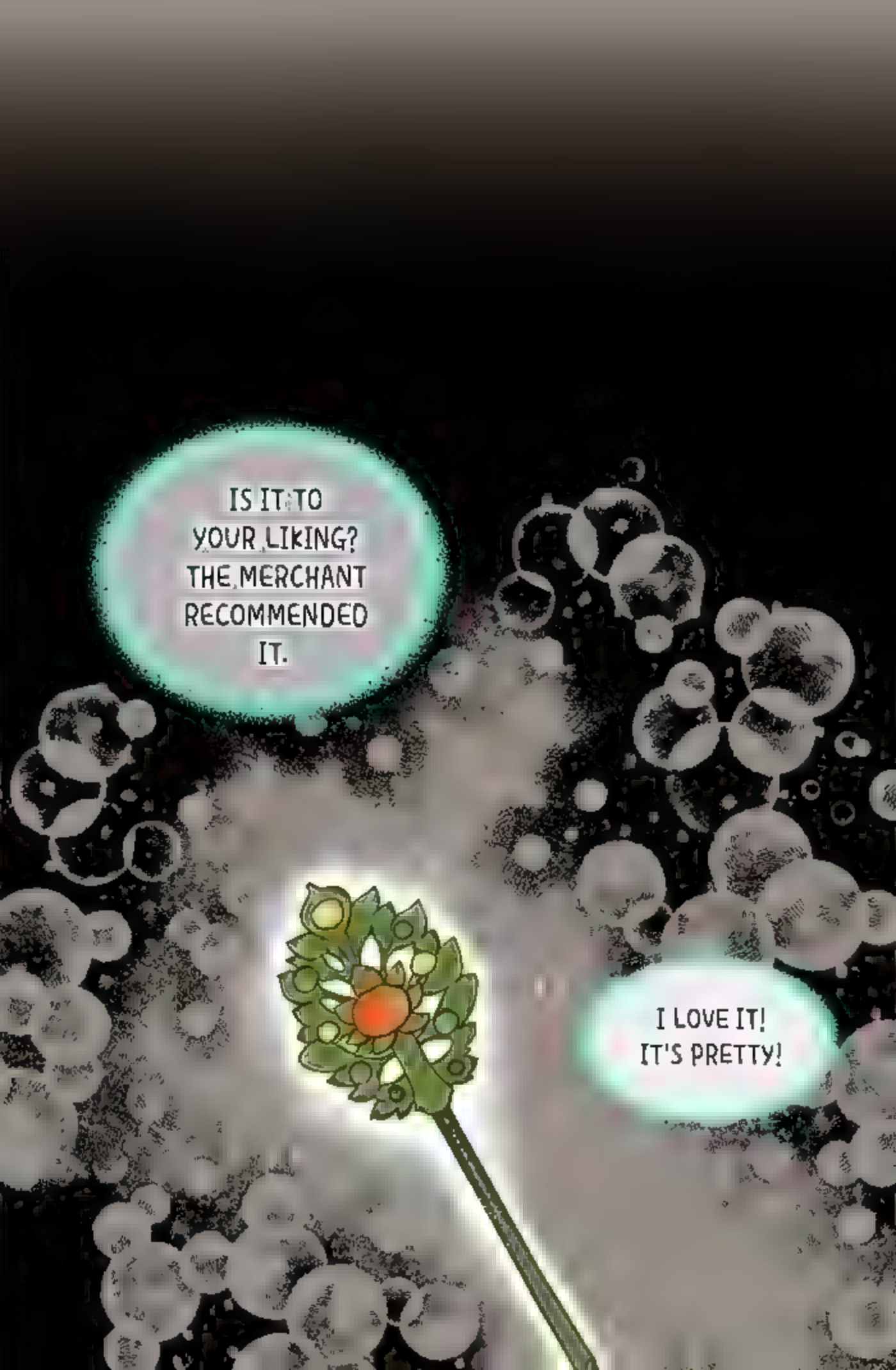
IT'S SUPER RUSTY...
AM I GONNA NEED A TETANUS SHOT?
...

OH, I SEE IT NOW.
IT'S A HAIR ACCESSORY, RIGHT?
SHINE

!

DO YOU JUST STICK IT IN LIKE THIS?
IT'D BE TIDIER IF YOU HAD SOME

BOBBY PINS.

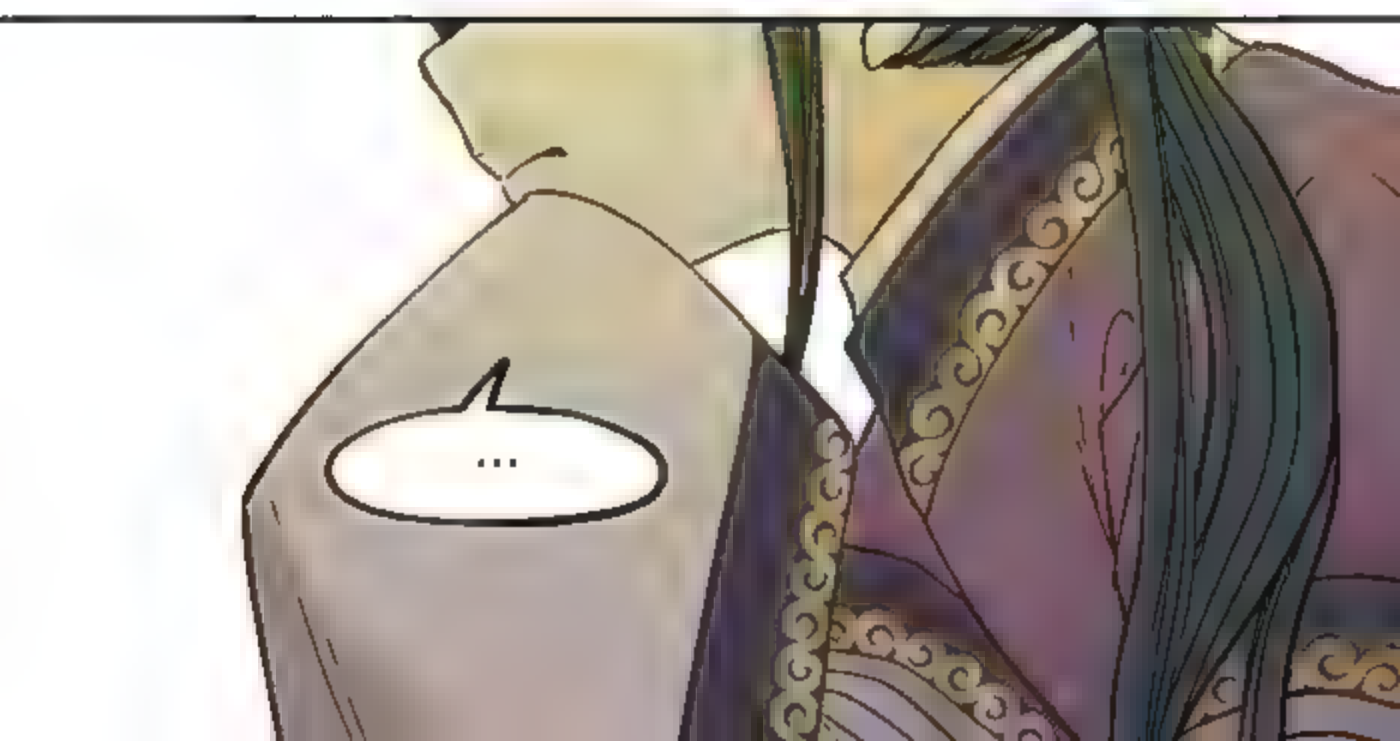

IS IT TO YOUR LIKING? THE MERCHANT RECOMMENDED IT.
I LOVE IT! IT'S PRETTY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LITTLE SIS!

OUR LITTLE HYANG-YI HAS A LOT OF BABY HAIR...

...SO I'LL FIRST APPLY SOME CAMELLIA OIL, THEN PUT IT UP.

WELL, AREN'T YOU A PRETTY LITTLE GIRL?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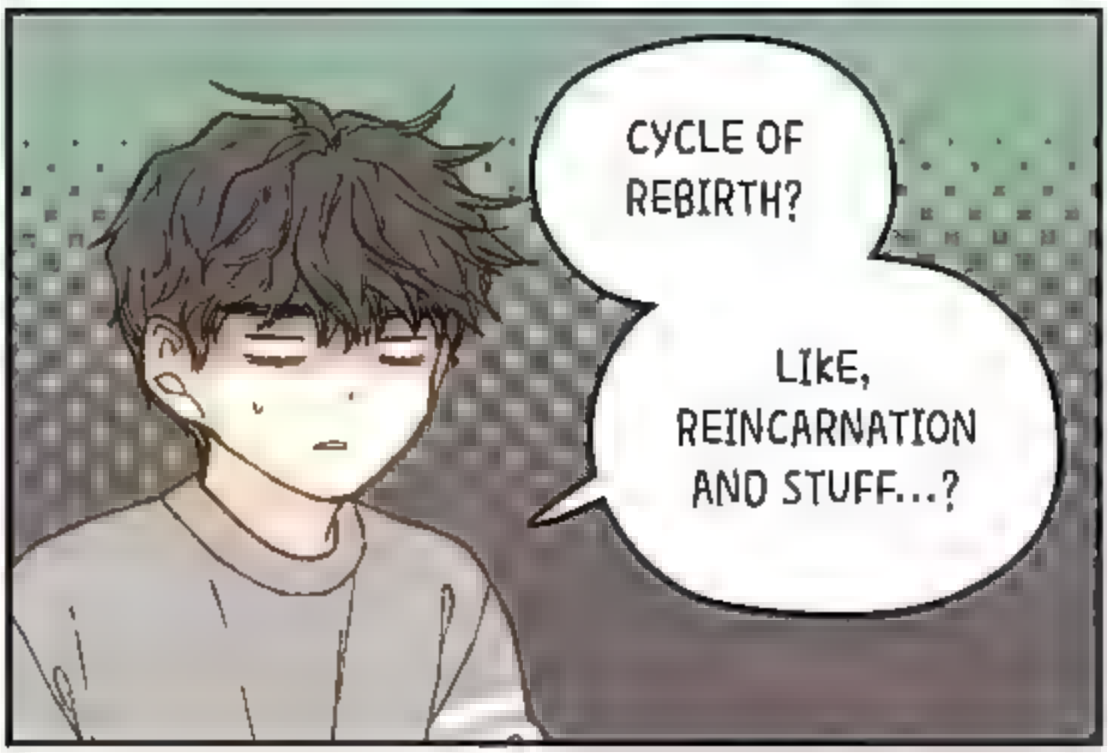
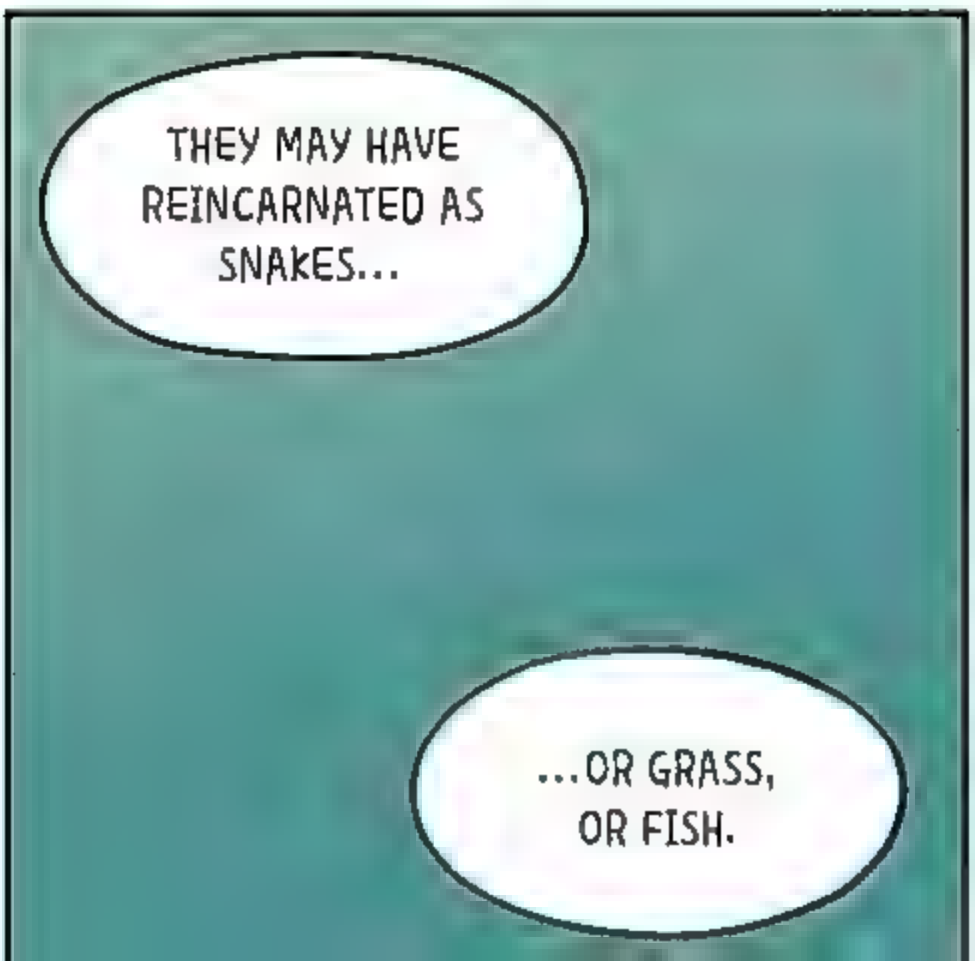
SOMEONE
I TRAINED WITH
ONCE TOLD ME...
STAND
...HUMANS
HAVE SOMETHING CALLED
A CYCLE OF REBIRTH.


CYCLE OF REBIRTH?
LIKE, REINCARNATION AND STUFF...?

IF ALL LIVING BEINGS GO THROUGH THIS CYCLE...

...DOES THAT MEAN MY BROTHERS LIVED AND DIED AGAIN WITHOUT ME KNOWING?


THEY MAY HAVE REINCARNATED AS SNAKES...
...OR GRASS, OR FISH.

POSSIBLY EVEN
AS HUMANS.

...WAIT A SECOND.
YOU DON'T THINK THAT I'M YOUR REINCARNATED BROTHER OR SOMETHING, DO YOU...?

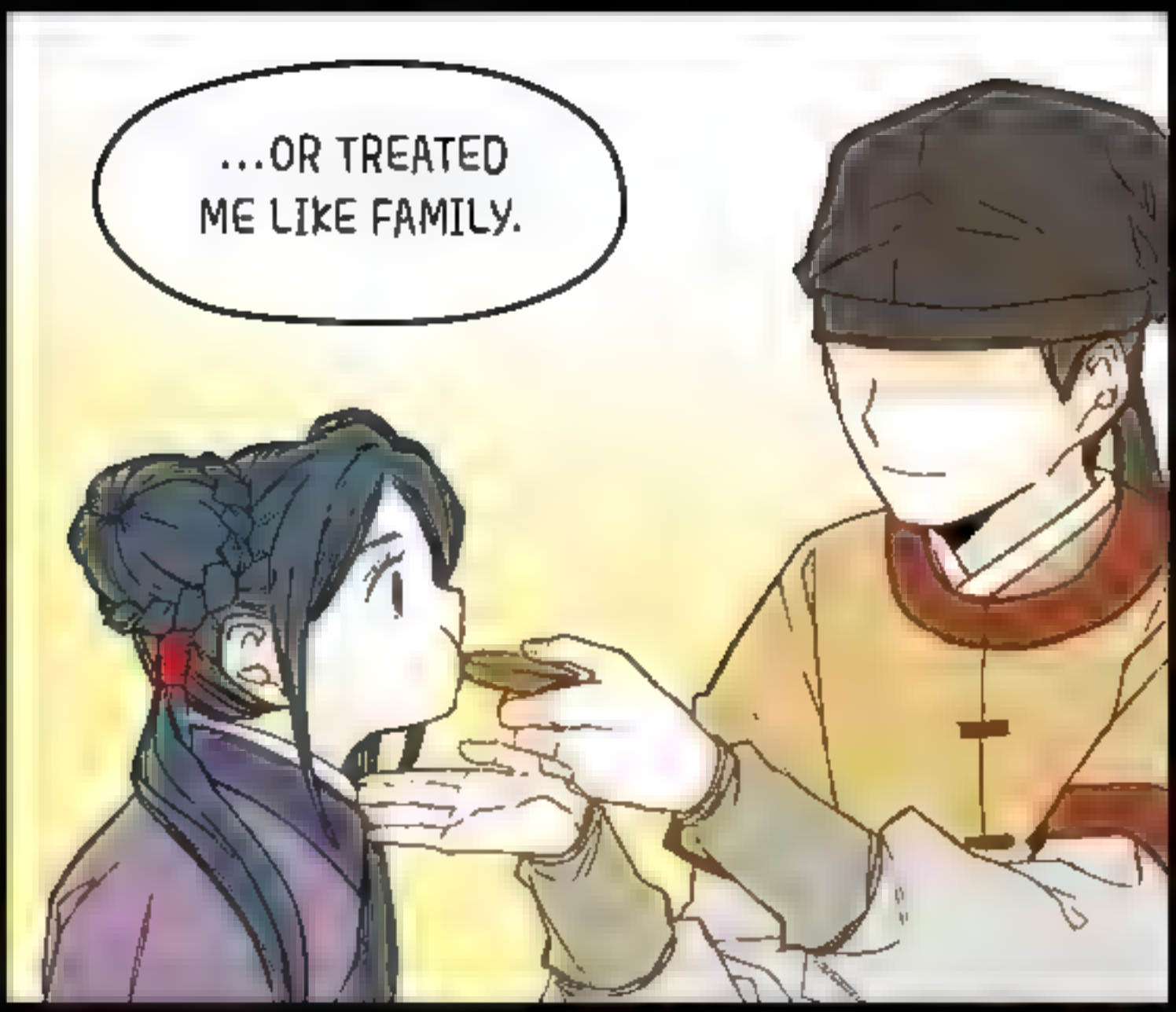
BUT...
...YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S TREATED ME THIS WAY BESIDES MY BROTHERS!

EVERYONE FEARS ME.

NEVER SPEAKS AGAINST ME.

THEY ALL JUST SERVE ME.

NO ONE HAS BEEN
SO EASY TO TALK TO...

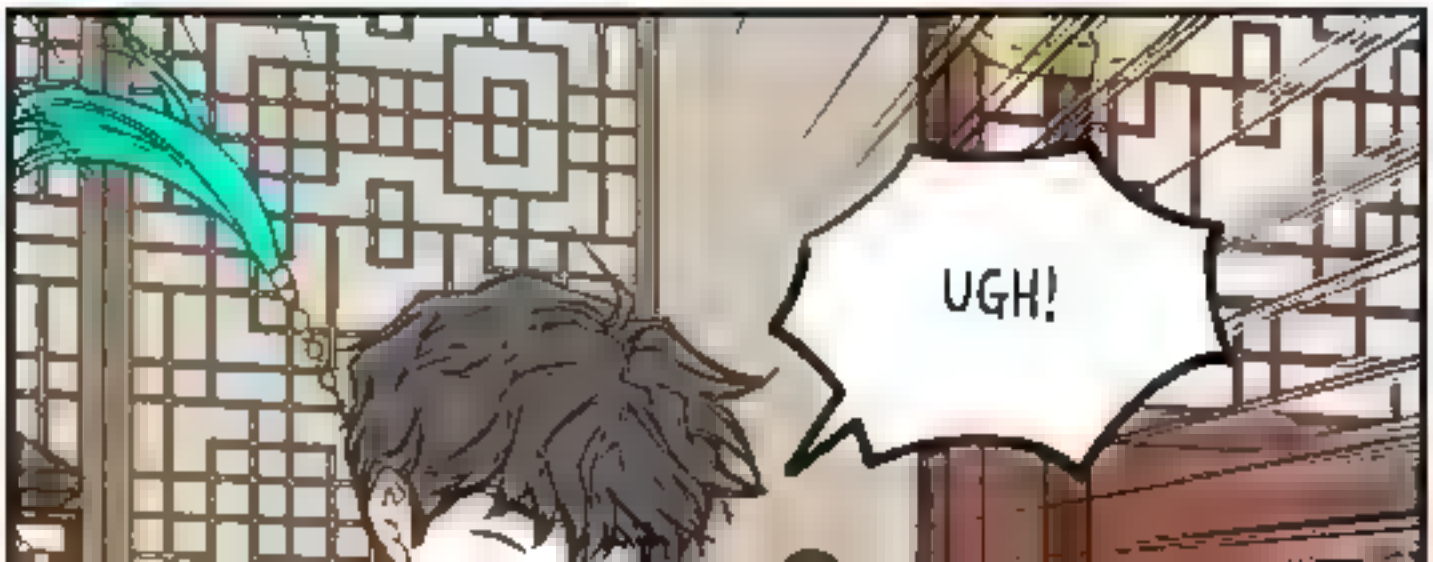

...OR TREATED
ME LIKE FAMILY.

LIKE THEIR
LITTLE SISTER.

THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES...
...YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO DID!

...FORGET IT.

I DON'T NEED YOUR PERMISSION.



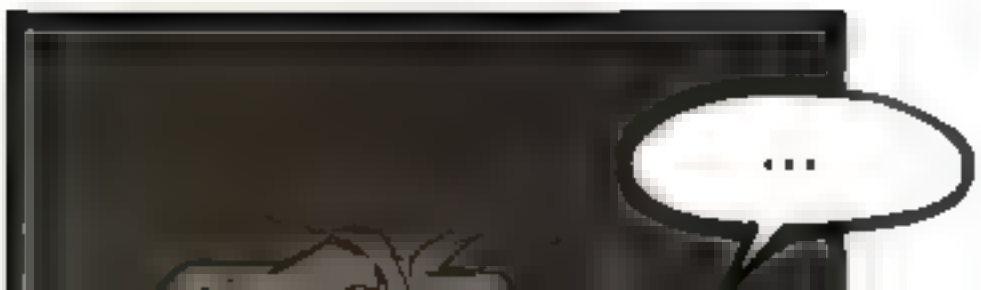
SQUEEZE

I'LL LET THIS IMOOGI GO LIKE YOU ASKED.

BUT YOU...

YOU WILL NOT TAKE ONE STEP OUTSIDE MY PALACE FOR THE REST

OF YOUR LIFE.



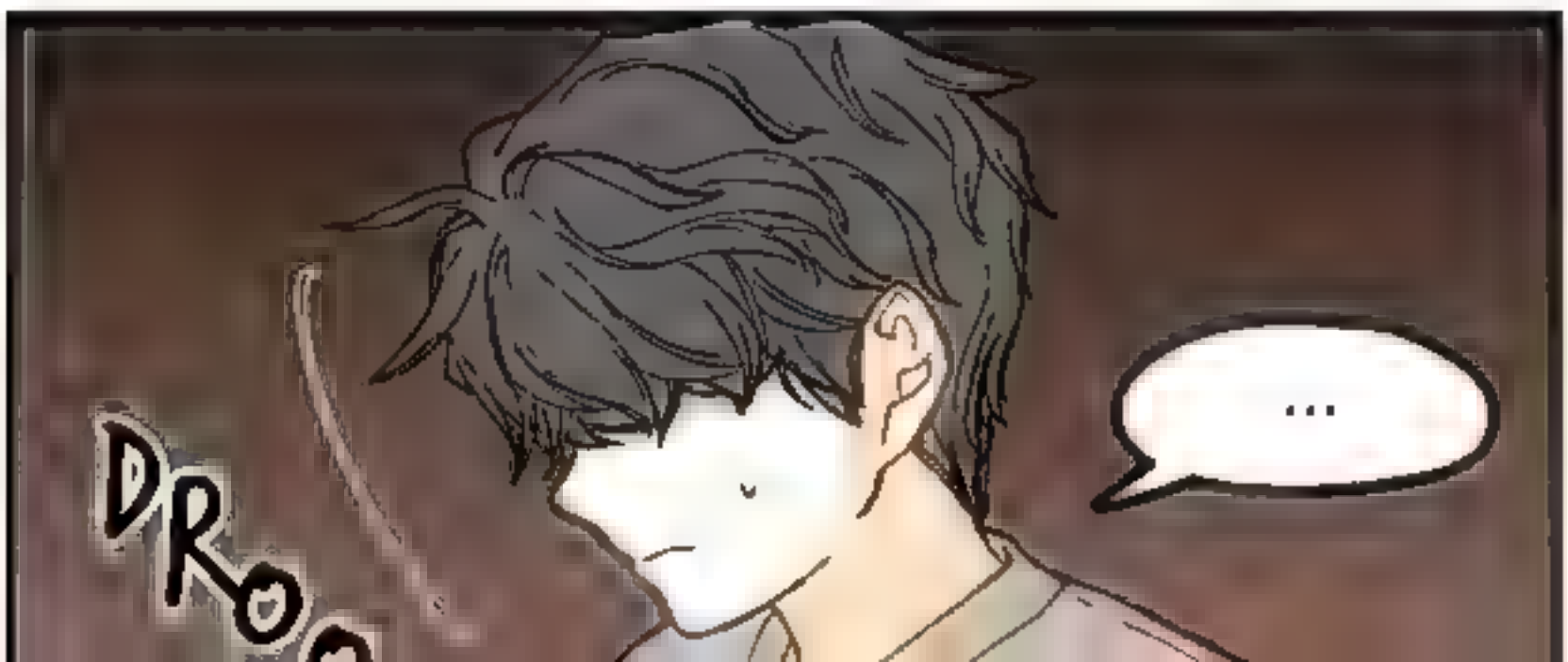
TAKE THE IMOOGI.

THROW HIM OUT INTO THE WATER.

RIGHT AWAY.

UM...

...!



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WHAT'S
HE DOING...?

DUN

WHY ISN'T HE SAYING ANYTHING?

WHY ISN'T HE FLIPPING OUT THE WAY HE USUALLY DOES?

WHY IS HE ACTING ALL CALM?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

COME ON, GET MAD OR SOMETHING!

GRRR

THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE IS SO ANNOYING...

MUTTER

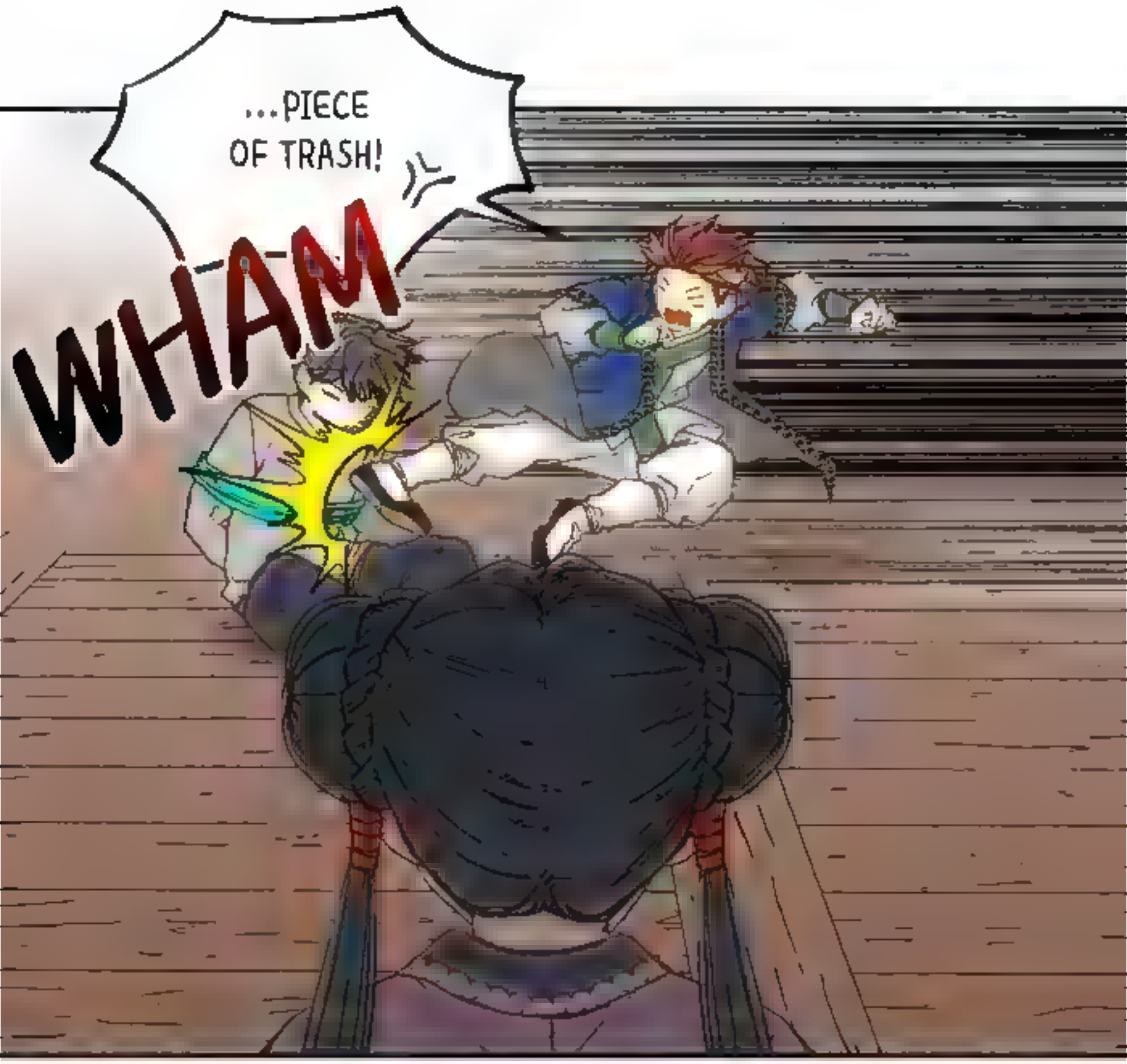
LOOK AFTER MY DAD AND GRANDPA FOR ME.

SNAP

RIP

RIP

YOU...
??
TAT
TAT
TAT
TAT
TAT
...LITTLE...


...PIECE
OF TRASH!
WHAM

SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR DAD AND GRANDPA, HUH?

WHACK

YOU'RE FULL OF CRAP!

SMACK

WHAT, NOW THAT YOU'RE

SMACK

DYING YOU SUDDENLY WANNA BE A GOOD SON?!

NOW THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO BELLY UP...

...YOU THINK YOU CAN FASHION YOURSELF INTO A BEAUTIFUL SACRIFICE OR SOMETHING?

SMACK

HELL NO, NOT ON MY WATCH!

WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY ACTING OUT OF CHARACTER? I CAN'T STAND IT!

SMACK

WHAM

SOYANG RIVER DRAGON!
RAGE
FLINCH

THIS GUY'S NAME IS HUON PARK!

HE'S 34, AND HE'S THE ONLY SON OF SUCHEOL PARK.

NOT ONLY IS HE A JOBLESS SLUG, ALL HE DOES IS PLAY VIDEO GAMES IN HIS ROOM ALL DAY LONG!

HE ALSO CARRIES THE CURSE I PLACED ON HIS ANCESTOR...
...FOR RUINING MY ASCENSION.

AS YOU'RE WELL AWARE...

...HUMANS WHO BEAR THE CURSE AND WRATH OF AN IMOOGI CANNOT BECOME PART OF THE CYCLE OF REBIRTH.

WHICH MEANS...
...HE CAN'T BE YOUR BROTHER.

...

I-I'M JUST STATING THE FACTS!

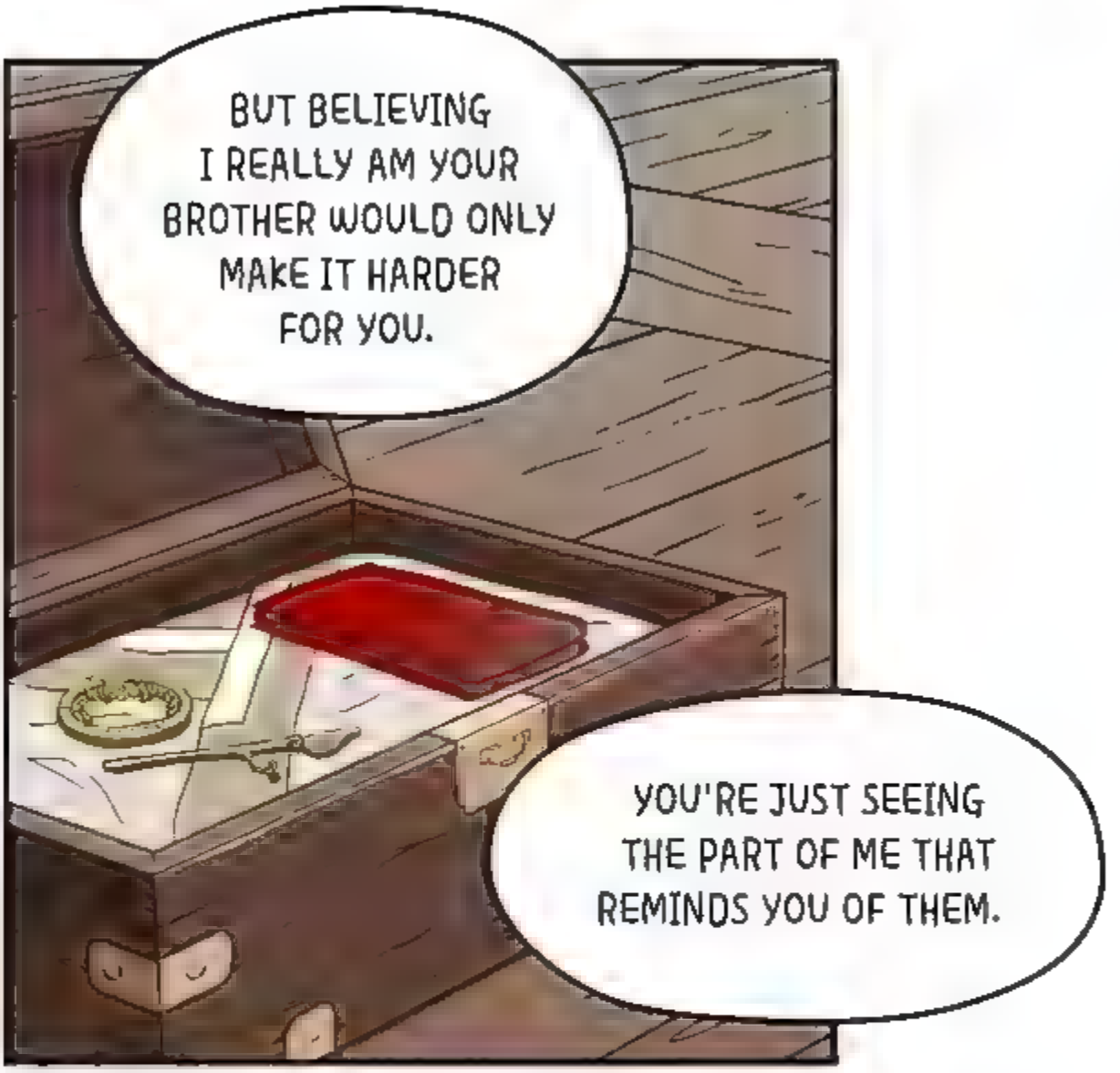
SLIP

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

DON'T KILL THE MESSENGER!

YOU KNOW...
...MAYBE YOU SAW A BIT OF YOUR BROTHERS IN ME.


BUT BELIEVING I REALLY AM YOUR BROTHER WOULD ONLY MAKE IT HARDER FOR YOU.
YOU'RE JUST SEEING THE PART OF ME THAT REMINDS YOU OF THEM.

BUT THAT'S ALL.

I'M SURE THERE ARE MORE DIFFERENCES THAN SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THEM AND MYSELF.

I HAVE A LITTLE

SIBLING LIKE YOU.

BUT JUST BECAUSE I DON'T GET TO SEE THE KID OFTEN,

DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TAKE THEIR PLACE.

THAT IS NOT...

...HOW YOU SHOULD TREAT A PERSON.

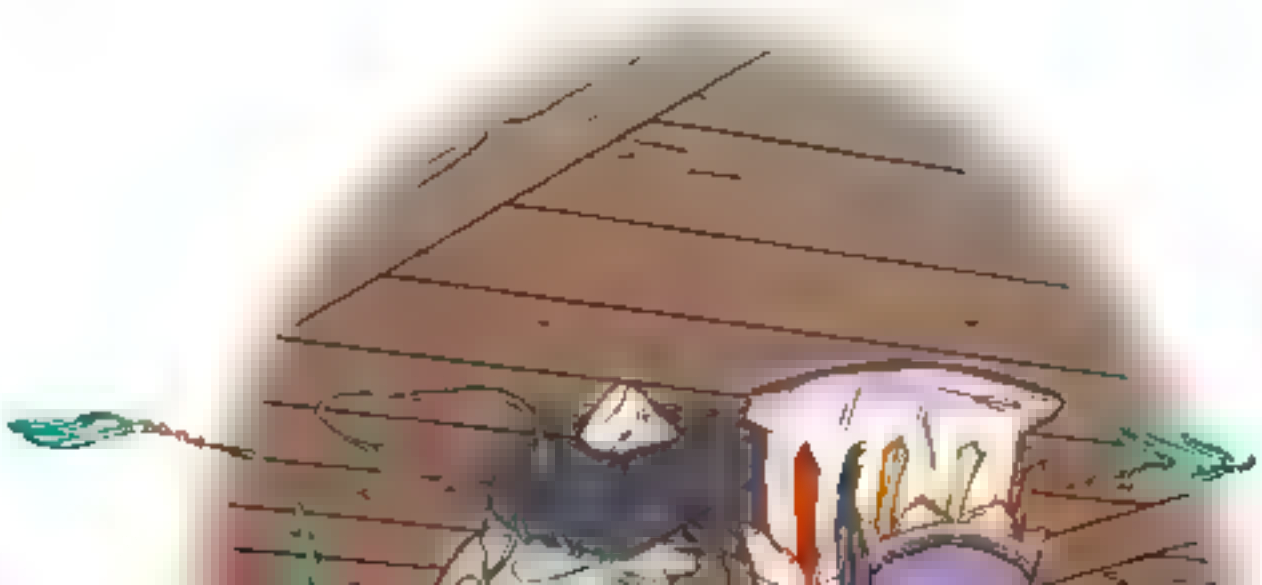
DRIP

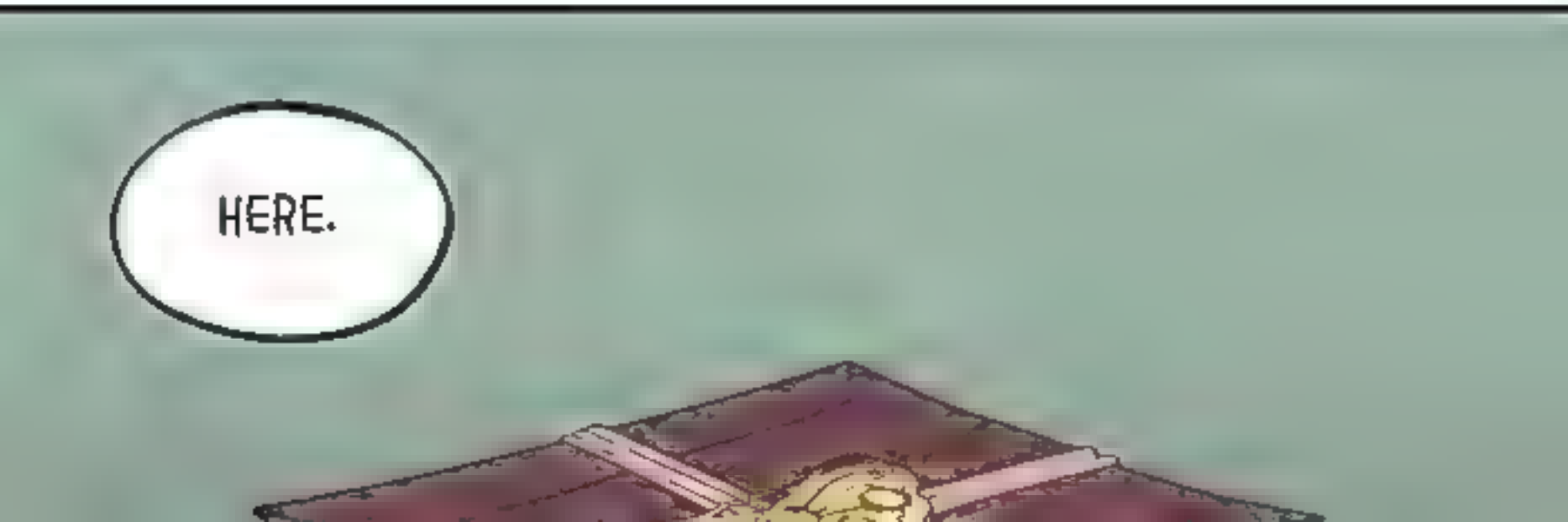
DRIP

BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

I MISS THEM SO MUCH.

BIG BROTHER...




HERE.

IT'S
YOUR LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION.

YOU CAN
HAVE IT ON
THE CONDITION...

...THAT YOU DON'T
SAY A WORD ABOUT
ME CRYING.

OF COURSE!
THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING!

EVERYONE KNOWS
HOW TIGHT-LIPPED I AM

ABOUT SECRETS.

...PLEASE DROP BY TIME TO TIME.
YOU DON'T NEED TO PRETEND YOU'RE MY BROTHER.

...

THEN
WHAT KIND OF
SWEETS...

...WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO BRING NEXT TIME?